

## Teams for the Night of the Event

As you know this year's theme is Tailgating to Tackle Cancer. Based on this theme we would like for teams to decorate their camps accordingly with anything sports related. We would like to portray to the public a real tailgating and total sports entertainment feel and experience that will help the Ocala Relay be the talk of the town. Please be encouraged and feel free to have onsite activities and fundraisers that really compliment the theme. Any activities or games that you put on for children and adults alike that are centered around the theme should help to enhance the fun atmosphere.

Our veteran Relay teams know what to expect, but for our new teams, we would like to go over what you might need in order to make your team members comfortable and ready to spend the night.

1. Sleeping bags, cots, comfy chairs, etc. Some team members may stay up all night but tents are helpful for those who want to take a nap. Blankets, pillows, tents, anything that you think you might need to be comfy when you aren't walking...remember we do ask that at least one team member is walking the track at all times.
2. Water, ice packs, band aids, flashlights and other emergency needs. Blisters may occur, feet may get sore, and icy hot may come in handy, trust me. Anything you can have on hand just in case would be beneficial. (Lanterns, battery powered lights, etc are also helpful once the sun sets so you can continue your onsite activities.)
3. Appropriate clothing and sunscreen...we'd like to see the team members and captains in your participant t-shirt, a purple t-shirt and/or in sports team attire. We are also planning a costume contest for the teams with Mr. Relay so make sure the lucky male team member you choose has a super fun cheerleader outfit for the contest. The more creative and wild your costume is the more votes (via donations) you are likely to get.
4. Snacks and munchies...you will probably have hungry team members at some point throughout the night. Though teams will have onsite fundraisers with food...be sure to pack a cooler with some snack and munchies for those cravings.
5. Banners – immediately following the survivor lap and caregiver lap there will be an all team lap where we will ask all team members to make one lap around the track together. This lap will show your team spirit and you'll want your team to work on a banner that will reflect that. If you would like, feel free to have your banner include the names of businesses, people, family members, other teams, etc. that helped your team raise money this year. This lap will be announced so have your banner ready.
6. Your tent set up...we would like to see the teams dress their tents with sports-themed items. Use your imagination, the more fun we have with dressing up the event, the more interest the general public will have in visiting each tent site
7. Cameras! Don't forget to say cheese. We'd love to see the pictures your team takes of the event during the night, of your own team or of everyone. Just have fun with it!